

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. PURPOSE

In accordance with the requirements of DoD Directive 5200.8 (reference (a)), this Regulation prescribes DoD policies and minimum standards for the physical protection of DoD personnel, installations, operations, and assets.

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

1. This Regulation addresses the physical security of personnel, installations, operations, and assets of DoD Components. In overseas areas, combatant commanders may deviate from **the** policies in this regulation where local conditions, **treaties**, agreements, and other arrangements with foreign governments and allied forces require.

2. This **regulation is** intended to provide general minimum requirements which are supplemented by specific asset or unique program-related physical security policies. Detailed and separate instructions are provided for the following assets that are normally found on military installations:

a. Classified Information. See DoD 5200.1-R (reference (b)).

b. Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities. See DCID 1/21 and DIAM 50-3 (reference (c) and reference (d)).

c. Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Weapon Systems. See DoD C-5210.41-M (reference (e)).

d. Chemical Agents. See DoD Directive 5210.65 (**reference** (f)).

e. Nuclear Reactors and Special Nuclear Materials. See DoD Directive 5210.63 (reference (g)).

f. Conventional Arms, Ammunition and Explosives. See DoD 5100.76-M (reference (h)).

g. Special Access Programs. See DoD Directive 0-5205.7 (**reference** (i)).

3. During transition to war and **following** commencement of hostilities, Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands may prescribe procedures that modify specific provisions of this Regulation as local conditions and regional threats require. However, security operations and procedures must ensure the maximum protection of Government personnel and property. Under these conditions, these commanders may delegate that authority to unit or installation commanders.

4. This Regulation neither abrogates nor abridges the **authority** or responsibility of commands to apply more stringent security standards required by other DoD Directives during emergencies, or at any time required to meet the regional threat.

C. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Regulation are to do the following:

1. Establish general policy for the security of personnel and installations, military operations, and certain assets.

2. Provide realistic guidance, general procedures, and the necessary flexibility for commanders to protect personnel? installations, operations, and assets from typical threats.

3. Reduce the loss, theft, or diversion of, and **damage** to, DoD assets, thereby ensuring that warfighting capability **is** maintained.